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DECLARATION OF ORISSA AS A SPECIAL CATEGORY STATE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to declare Orissa as a Special Category State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

(a) & (b): Special Category Status has been accorded to some States on the basis of a set of criteria which includes - strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries, hilly terrain, inadequate economic and social infrastructure, predominantly large tribal population and limited & weak revenue base compared to the development needs. According Special Category Status to a State requires the approval of the National Development Council. No proposal is under the consideration of the Government at present to declare Orissa as a Special Category State.